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Application No.: Unassigned	) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: December 14, 2001	) )
For: NOVEL LINEAR BIODEGRADABLE COPOLYMER, COMPOSITION COMPRISING SAME, USE OF SAID COPOLYMER AND SAID COMPOSITION	) ) ) ) )
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT	
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	
Sir.	

Prior to examination and the calculation of filing fees, kindly amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, immediately following the title appearing on lines 1-3, insert the following:

--This disclosure is based upon French Application No. 99/07552, filed on June 15, 1999 and International Application No. PCT/FR00/01488, filed May 30, 2000, which was published on December 21, 2000 in a language other than English, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Background of the Invention--**

